



# ASHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

*Joining Together on a Christian Journey of Love and Service* December 27, 2009

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Wed.-5 pm; Fri.-Noon

Worship services: *The Path*: 8:45AM Traditional: 11:00AM Sunday School: 9:45AM

### ***From the Outside Looking In At Christmas***

Over the years, our family had two manger scenes; a formal manger scene and one for the children to touch, handle, mangle, remove, etc. Carrying the holy family over hills made of couch pillows, encountering evil around sharp-ended coffee tables gave our children their unique take of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. It was not unusual to see four-year-old Tyler with the baby Jesus in the manger, surrounded by a herd of triceratops and T-Rexes!

In one family, Jesus disappeared from the manger scene and remined away for the duration of the season. When January 6 came and the Christmas/winter scenery was being removed and stored for another year, Mom asked, "Where is he who has been born King of the Jews? Lo, I have looked near and far during this holy season and would like to see this one once again before he travels up the attic stairs until next December."

Finally, the 2-year old boy named Matthew, took his mother by the hand and led her to his room. Pointing to his bed, Mom pulled back the covers...No luck...The child pointed to his pillow there Jesus was --- under his pillow! For that young boy, bedtime was scary, but he felt safe and secure because the baby Jesus was with him!

**Once again, the children teach us the good news of Christmas.**

**His name shall be called Emmanuel, which means, "God is with us."**



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## Alternative Giving Opportunity

The Missions Committee has designated four projects for your consideration:

**Onnie Jackson** – Salkehatchie Recipient – In need of heater and natural gas hook-up to City of Columbia

**Haiti Children's Project** – Provides food shelter health care, education for the many abandoned children of Haiti.

**Epworth Children's Home** – Funds will be used as a seasonal clothing fund and off-campus activities fund for the children

**Red Bird Mission, Beverly, KY** – Located in the Appalachian Mountains, Red Bird empowers individuals and advocates justice by providing education, health and outreach ministries to low income residents.

Alternative giving forms are on the table in Ashland Hall and on the chests in the sanctuary.

### Salkehatchie Columbia Camp Opportunity

Are you downsizing or replacing *gently* used furniture and would like to donate it to the Columbia Salkehatchie Camp? For evaluation and pick-up, please call Sandra Calore (798-0876) or Mary Lightsey (781-5798).

### Sunday School for Young Adults

**Home from college for the holiday? Want to reconnect with friends? Meet Larry Durstine in the library December 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 am for coffee and catching up**

### **Stewardship Update – 12/23/09**

Proposed 2010 Budget	\$751,395
Pledges Received to Date	594,088
Percent of 2010 Budget	79%

- You may place your pledge card in the offering plate or mail it to the church office to the attention of Karen Zobel.
- Blank pledge cards and time and talents sheets may be found on the back table in Ashland Hall and on the chests in the Sanctuary.
- Forms for electronic giving are in the box outside the Dir. of Financial Ministries office.

## Celebrations and Remembrances

### December 27-January 9

	27	Doreen J, Joe W
	28	Mary Johnson P, Susie Bid B
	29	Kathi B John H, Lois L, Dawson S
	30	Maurice S, Juliana M
Jan	1	Marian W
	2	Margaret C, Berry S
	3	Bill H, R
	4	Curt R, Chris C
	5	Phyllis B
	6	Frank M, Wanda M, Robert M, Austin B
	7	Nancy M, Tyler N, T. J. P
	8	Connie M, Tammy M, Brian H
	9	Gene B, Jalin G

### Honorariums

Robert & Helen Barham, David & Marthalynn Schimsa, Jeff & Valerie Barham by Martha Hatchell

Dalenburg Family and Robert Neese by Betty Anderson

### Memorials

Mrs. T. E. Allen, Jr. by Gene & Clare Allen

Martha Busbee, mother of Wes Busbee, by Pat & Patsy Towery

### *From the Church Office*

- Please note that contributions must be received or postmarked no later than **December 31, 2009** to be credited to your account in 2009.
- The church office will be closed December 24-January 1<sup>st</sup>. There will not be a newsletter on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you have a pastoral need, please call Joel or Jim at home or leave a message in the church office, as messages will be checked periodically.
- If you are rotating off as chair of a committee, please turn your church key into the church office so it can be passed on to the new committee chair. Keys may be placed in the box outside Maria's office.
- The pastors and staff express their appreciation for all the acts of kindnesses during this holiday season! We would like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

## **Within the Ashland Family**

### Congratulations

Rebecca Schimsa, a recent graduate from College of Charleston Law School.

### Baptism

Receiving the sacrament of Holy Baptism on December 20<sup>th</sup> was Tripp L, son of Scarlett Luther.

**Celebrate Christmas Eve at Ashland**

December 24th @ 6:00pm

Sanctuary

Join us for a reception following worship in Ashland Hall. Bring sandwiches or cookies to share.

**New Year's Eve at Ashland**

December 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm

Sanctuary

**Flower Calendar for 2010**

The flower calendar for 2010 is on the bulletin board across from the church offices. Please select a date and note beside your name if you will be taking the flowers with you. The cost for one vase is \$46.00 and \$81.00 for 2 vases.

**Books, Books and more Books**

Hope you have enjoyed some holiday reading. We will meet on January 17<sup>th</sup> for our next Book Club discussion. Start reading: Educating Alice: Adventures of a Curious Woman by Alice Steinbach. Join us in room 111 at 4pm.

**PLAYGROUND**

The results are in. Ashland UMC loves desserts!

Thanks to you our children raised \$457.09 in the bake sale

THE PLAYGROUND HAS BEEN ORDERED!!

Any men willing and able, we will be removing the old equipment January 9<sup>th</sup>, and we need your help.

Start date to install new equipment is January 25<sup>th</sup>!

**Upcoming Bible Studies**

Sign-up now for the winter/spring studies:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Psalms**- 11 wks – Sundays @6:00pm starting January 17<sup>th</sup>

\_\_\_\_\_ Orientation for OT & NT January 26<sup>th</sup> @6:30pm

\_\_\_\_\_ **Old Testament** – 8 wks – Tuesdays @ 6:30pm starting February 2<sup>nd</sup>

\_\_\_\_\_ **New Testament** – 8 wks- Tuesdays @ 6:30pm starting March 23<sup>rd</sup>

\_\_\_\_\_ **Genesis** – Lenten Study Continued – 5 wks Wednesdays @ 6:30 starting Feb 24<sup>th</sup>

**Sign Me Up!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

**United Methodist Youth**

**Love God. Love Others. Love Self.**

**Prayer breakfast resumes Jan. 13**

Youth Prayer Breakfast Wednesdays at 8 am  
Hot Dog Heaven, Broad River Road

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|---------|-------------------------------------|
| Dec. 27 | No youth choir or youth group       |
| Jan. 3  | 4:00 pm – Council of the Illuminati |
|         | 4:30 pm – Youth Choir               |
|         | 5:30 pm – Youth Group – Outreach    |
| Jan. 10 | 4:30 pm – Youth Choir               |
|         | 5:30 pm – Small Groups              |
|         | Ski Trip – January 16-18            |

Only 9 spots are available - Cost \$155.

**Deadline for money and permission forms NOW!**

**Shepherd's Center of St. Andrews**

Winter session begins January 5<sup>th</sup>

Check out the brochures on the bulletin board or contact director, Becky Swanson at 731-9394

**Upcoming Events**

- Wednesday suppers start back January 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm
- M-A-D Children's Activities will resume on January 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm
- Finance Committee Meeting, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm, room 138

**The Upper Room**

The booklets for January-February 2010 are in the rack across from the Cornerstone Classroom.



**United Methodist Men Events for 2010**

- Jan. 4th, 6:30 pm - Ashland UMM Program: Rev. Joel Jones
- State UMM Spiritual Life Retreat, February 26-28 Radisson Hotel, Columbia
- March 20<sup>th</sup> - Annual Chicken Bar-B-Q
- April - Onion Sales



**United Methodist Women Events for 2010**

- Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>, Officers Training, Grace UMC
- Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, Day Apart Retreat, Francis Burns UMC

**Living Out Our Faith**  
**December 27, 2009 By**

"I will be loyal to The United Methodist Church and uphold it with my PRAYERS, my PRESENCE, my GIFTS, and my SERVICE."

**OUR PRAYERS**

Virginia Combs – NHC, West Columbia, #122B  
Margaret Hartis – Lexington Medical Center  
Mary Caldwell, mother of Margaret Smith, NHC, W. Columbia  
Bill Turner – Brian Center  
Rosemary Tannert, mother of Carol DeNisi, Palmetto Baptist Hospital  
In Memoriam: George W. "Bill" Laird, brother of David Laird, died Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. Funeral on December 23<sup>rd</sup> at Whitaker Funeral Home in Newberry, SC.

**OUR PRESENCE**

Worship: 428 The Path: 163 Traditional: 265 Sunday School: 212

**OUR GIFTS**

Received Week Ending	12/19/09	\$ 13,044
Received Year to Date:		758,691
Spent Year to Date:		754,177

**General Fund Contributions**

Received Week Ending	12/19/09	8,947
Received Year to Date:		649,764

**Special Offerings**

Memorials & Special Offerings:		4,095
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**OUR SERVICE**

**Sunday School Coffee for December:** New Beginnings

**Narthex Table:** Harriet Ward/Kaye Easterling

**Crucifer:** Brent R **Acolytes:** Jenny W, Deanna C

**Lay Reader:** Jerry Sandersfeld

**Altar Stewards:** Susan Dickinson, Carol DeNisi

**Ushers for December:** Nelson Travis, Red Bonneau, Mylla Markland, Kinsey Jenkins, Ladd Harrelson, Bud Graczyk

**Greeters:** SS & Worship: John Edwards and Dalene Gibson

**Nursery:** 8:45 am: Karen McClive, Courtney Kelso, Betsy Boozer; SS: Janet Hatch, Kim Crutchfield, Lynda Mixon, Mac Credille, Cheryl McClay, Valerie Railey; 11 am: Valerie and Paige R, Jayne Beachler, Phil & Terri Miller, Mollie McClellan

**Missionaries We Support**

**Tim and Daina Datwyler**

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**This Week at Ashland**

**Sunday, December 27, 2009 – Mark 6:30-32**

8:45 AM	The Path, Ashland Hall
9:45 AM	Sunday School for All Ages
10:45 AM	Traditional Service, Sanctuary
5:30 PM	Disciple I, #115

**Monday, December 28, 2009 – Isaiah 49:13-18**  
**Church Office Closed**

**Tuesday, December 29, 2009 – 1 John 5:1-5**  
**Church Office Closed**

**Wednesday, December 30, 2009 – Isaiah 43:14-21**  
**Church Office Closed**

**Thursday, December 31, 2009 – Colossians 3:12-17**  
**Church Office Closed**

6:00 PM	New Year's Eve Communion Service, Sanctuary
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**Friday, January 1, 2010 – Psalm 121:1-8**  
**Church Office Closed**

**Saturday, January 2, 2010 – 1 Timothy 6:12-19**

**Sunday, January 3, 2010 – Mark 15:33-41**

8:45 AM	The Path, Ashland Hall
9:45 AM	Sunday School for All Ages
10:45 AM	Traditional Service, Sanctuary
4:00 PM	Council of the Illuminati
4:30 PM	Youth Choir
6:30 PM	United Methodist Youth, Youth Building
5:30 PM	Disciple I, #115

Devotions are from *The Upper Room*. Other calendar events can be found on the website [www.ashlandumc.com](http://www.ashlandumc.com)

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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